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VA receives additional 200,000 COVID-19 vaccine doses to administer to Veterans, employees

WASHINGTON — Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health care facilities are receiving a one-time supplemental allocation of 200,000 Moderna COVID-19 vaccine doses this week from the Department of Health and Human Services.

This distribution is in addition to VA's normally scheduled delivery of approximately 125,000 doses of both Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines each week.

"In accordance to <u>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's phased allocation considerations</u>, VA has worked diligently to offer and administer the COVID-19 vaccine as quickly as possible to Veterans who receive care at VA," said **Acting VA Under Secretary for Health**, **R**ichard Stone, M.D. "The additional doses will help us to continue reaching our Veterans at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19 during this period of limited supply."

VA facilities already receiving the Moderna vaccine, as well as several new sites, will get additional doses this week from the supplemental allocation. VA is currently providing vaccines at more than 215 sites nationally and is reaching out to Veterans who are currently eligible for vaccination.

As of Feb. 10, VA has administered at least one dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccine collectively to 1,047,187 Veterans, employees and federal partners. VA's goal is to offer COVID-19 vaccinations to all Veterans who are enrolled and eligible to receive VA health care. Veterans who are not enrolled can learn about eligibility, and those who qualify, may apply for enrollment.

Learn more about <u>VA COVID-19 vaccines</u> or contact your care team.

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